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Combines of Cotton Textile Mills in CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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U. S. OFFICIALS ONLY~~SECRET~~COMBINES OF COTTON TEXTILE MILLS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

1. [redacted] COTONA, i.e. the head office for the state controlled cotton mills in C.S.R., with the exception of those in Slovakia. This head office, which was at PRAGUE, was closed down w.e.f. 1st October 1949. The liquidation of COTONA was completed on 1st January 1950. 50X1-HUM

2. After the closing down of COTONA there were formed 3 combines:
1 combine for twist mills, 1 for cotton spinning mills, and 1 for cotton weaving mills.

These combines are:

(a) Combine "SPONIT". Head office at CHRIBSKA (grid reference F 740 730, G.S.G.S. 4416, sheet R 9, Germany 1:100 000).

The combine comprises:

- (i) Three twist mills at CHRIBSKA. They employ a total of approx. 500 workers. Names of mills not known.
- (ii) One twist mill at PRAGUE. It employs approx. 50 workers. Name of mill not known.
- (iii) One twist mill at NACHOD (grid reference G 980 350, G.S.G.S. 4416, sheet S 10, Germany 1:100 000). Name of mill: CERNOCH. It employs approx. 50 workers.
- (iv) One twist mill at HRADEC KRALOVE (grid reference G 760 100, G.S.G.S. 4416, sheet T 10, Middle Danube 1:100 000). Name of mill: KOHOUT. It employs approx. 100 workers.
- (v) One twist mill at DVUR KRALOVE. (Grid reference G 720 340, G.S.G.S. 4416, sheet S 10, Germany 1:100 000). Name of mill not known. It employs 50 - 100 workers.
- (vi) One twist mill at HRADEC (grid reference F 996 740, G.S.G.S. 4416, sheet R 9, Germany 1:100 000). Name of mill not known. It employs 200 - 300 workers. The trade mark of the mill is a white triangle. The goods manufactured are first class and are for the greater part exported [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (vii) One twist mill near HRADEC KRALOVE. Name and exact location not known.
- (viii) One twist mill at KOVARSKA. Name and location not known.

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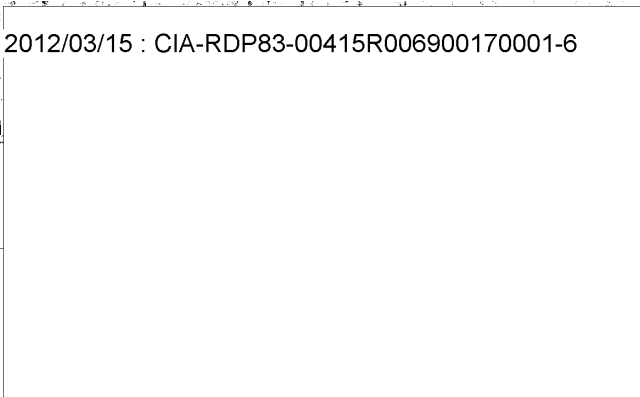
- (b) Combine "BENAR". It comprises cotton spinning mills. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] The head office of 50X1-HUM
the combine is at BENESOV (grid reference F 655 583, G.S.G.S. 4416,
sheet S 8, Central Europe 1:100 000.
- (c) Combine "COTONA". It comprises cotton weaving mills [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] one at HERAUN (near PRAGUE) with approx. 50X1-HUM
300 workers, the other one at SIANY (near PRAGUE). Names of mills
not known.
3. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] according to schedule, 50 % of the total output
was for export [redacted] In fact,
however, there were only exported 10 % of the total output.
4. Raw cotton is imported from [redacted] the USSR. There were 50X1-HUM
many complaints about the cotton from the latter country, as the
staples were of uneven length.
- Distribution of raw cotton is by CENTROTTEX at PRAGUE (= state controlled
company for the sale and purchase of cotton goods).

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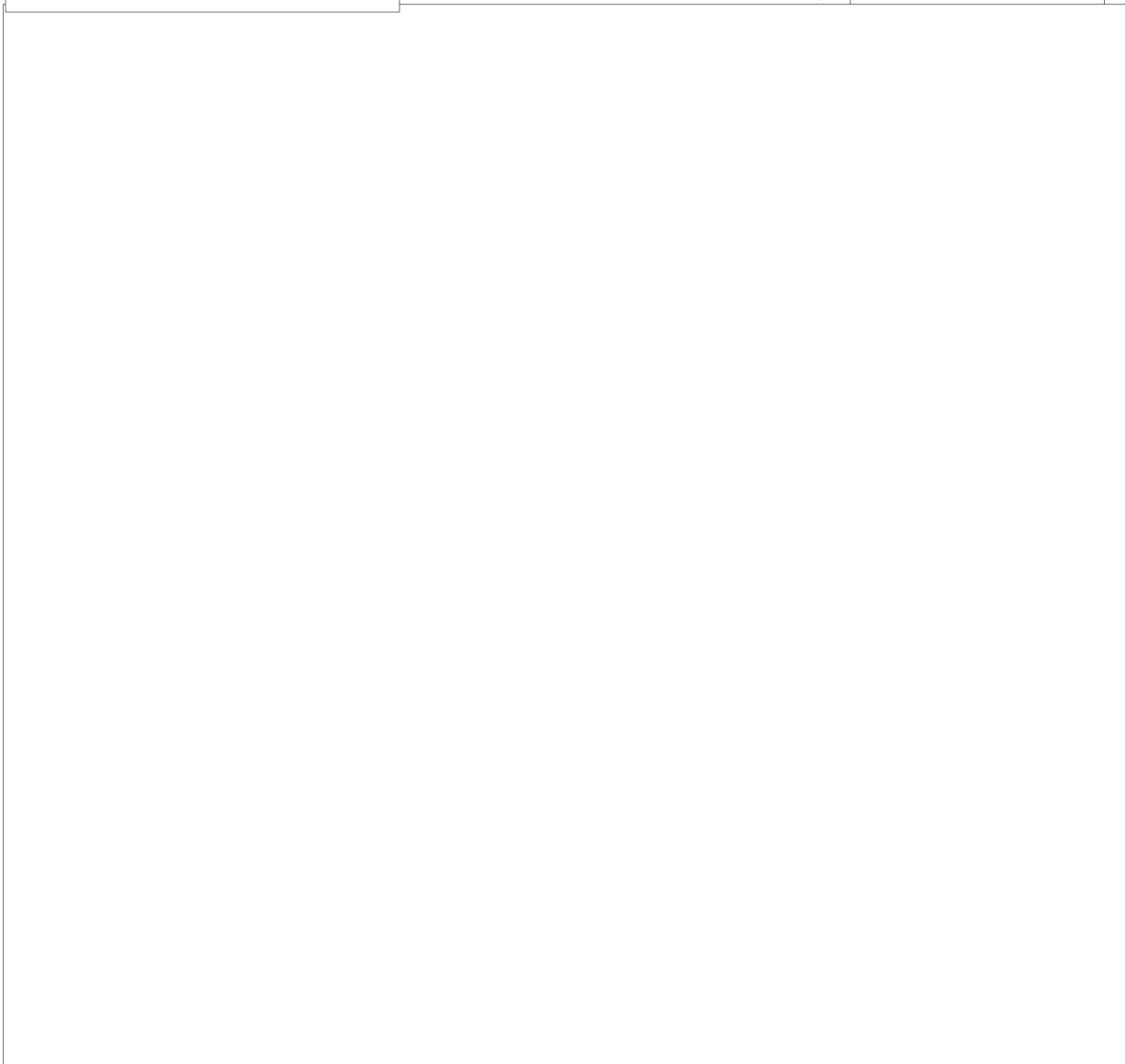
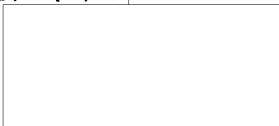
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JIRASKOVA KRAL. Spinning Mill. HROMOV C.S.R.

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JIRASKOVA KRAI. SPINNING MILL. HIRONOV C.S.R.

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1. DESIGNATION.

The name of the mill is JIRASKOVA KRAI. [REDACTED]

2. LOCATION.

The mill is located in the northern part of HIRONOV, approx. 1 km north of HIRONOV railway station, between the single track railway line and the main road. Both the road and the railway line run from north to south. See No. 1 of Sketch A.

Grid reference for the mill: G 976 425, G.S.G.S. 4416, sheet S 10, Germany 1:100 000.

3. [REDACTED]

4. PRODUCTS.

The mill only turns out cotton thread, sizes 18, 24, and 30. Regarding the output [REDACTED] 20 - 25 wooden cases, each weighing approx. 150 kg, were dispatched [REDACTED] daily. [REDACTED]

5. RAW MATERIALS.

The mill gets raw cotton from [REDACTED] the USSR (40 %), and [REDACTED] The daily delivery is approx. 5 bales, each bale weighing approx. 350 kg. The raw cotton is collected [REDACTED] from the railway station.

The weekly delivery of coal (dust coal) is 4 - 5 wagons. [REDACTED]

6. ELECTRIC POWER.

The mill has a small electricity plant of its own. [REDACTED]

7. LABOUR.

The mill employs 500 - 600 workers, approx. 50 of whom are Germans. The others are Czechs. 70 % are women. 50 % of the workers work 2 shifts a day, the others 1 shift per day.

There are approx. 15 office employees.

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8. GERMAN SPECIALISTS.

There are no German specialists.

9. WORKS DESCRIPTION.(a) HISTORY.

The mill is approx. 30 years old. In 1945 it was taken over by the State. There are no extensions planned.

(b) INSTALLATIONS.

The buildings are brick structures. The following numbers correspond to those of sketch B.

No. 1 Spinning mill and electricity plant, 120 x 100 m.
A width of 70 m is 12 m high (1 storey), the rest is 20 m high (3 storeys). The equipment of the mill consists of 6 dressing machines, approx. 45 carding engines, 15 - 20 slubbing frames, 120 - 130 throttle frames, and 40 ring spinning machines.

No. 2 Boiler house, fitter's shop, tinsmith's shop, and joiner's shop, 30 x 15 x 20. The boiler house contains 3 boilers.

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No. 3 Single track railway siding (standard gauge).

No. 4 Several wooden sheds (stores).

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11. DEFENCE.

The mill is surrounded by a wooden fence. The mill area is guarded by approx. 15 works policemen armed with rifles.

12. WORKS DIRECTION.

The mill is state controlled. The name of the director is STEPHAN.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

1. There are 2 small weaving mills, approx. 100 m south-west of the spinning mill (Nos. 2 and 3 of sketch A).

Further weaving mills are located:

- (a) Opposite the railway station (No. 4 of sketch A).
Until 1945 it was the property of the firm of SPIEGLER. It employs approx. 700 - 800 workers.
 - (b) 150 m south of No. 4 (see No. 5 of sketch A).
It employs 200 - 300 workers.
 - (c) 200 m south-south-west of No. 5 (see No. 6 of sketch A).
It employs approx. 300 workers. The name of the mill is PIK.
2. A new factory building (see No. 7 of sketch A) was erected between 1948 and 1950 approx. 50 m south of JERASKOVA KRAI spinning mill. The brick building is approx. 100 x 50 x 15 m. No equipment has been installed yet. Officially it was said to be a new textile mill. Czech workers were, however, of the opinion that it would be an armament plant.

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Key to Sketch A

1. JIRASKOVA KRAI spinning mill
2. Weaving mill
3. Weaving mill
4. Weaving mill
5. Weaving mill
6. Weaving mill
7. New factory building

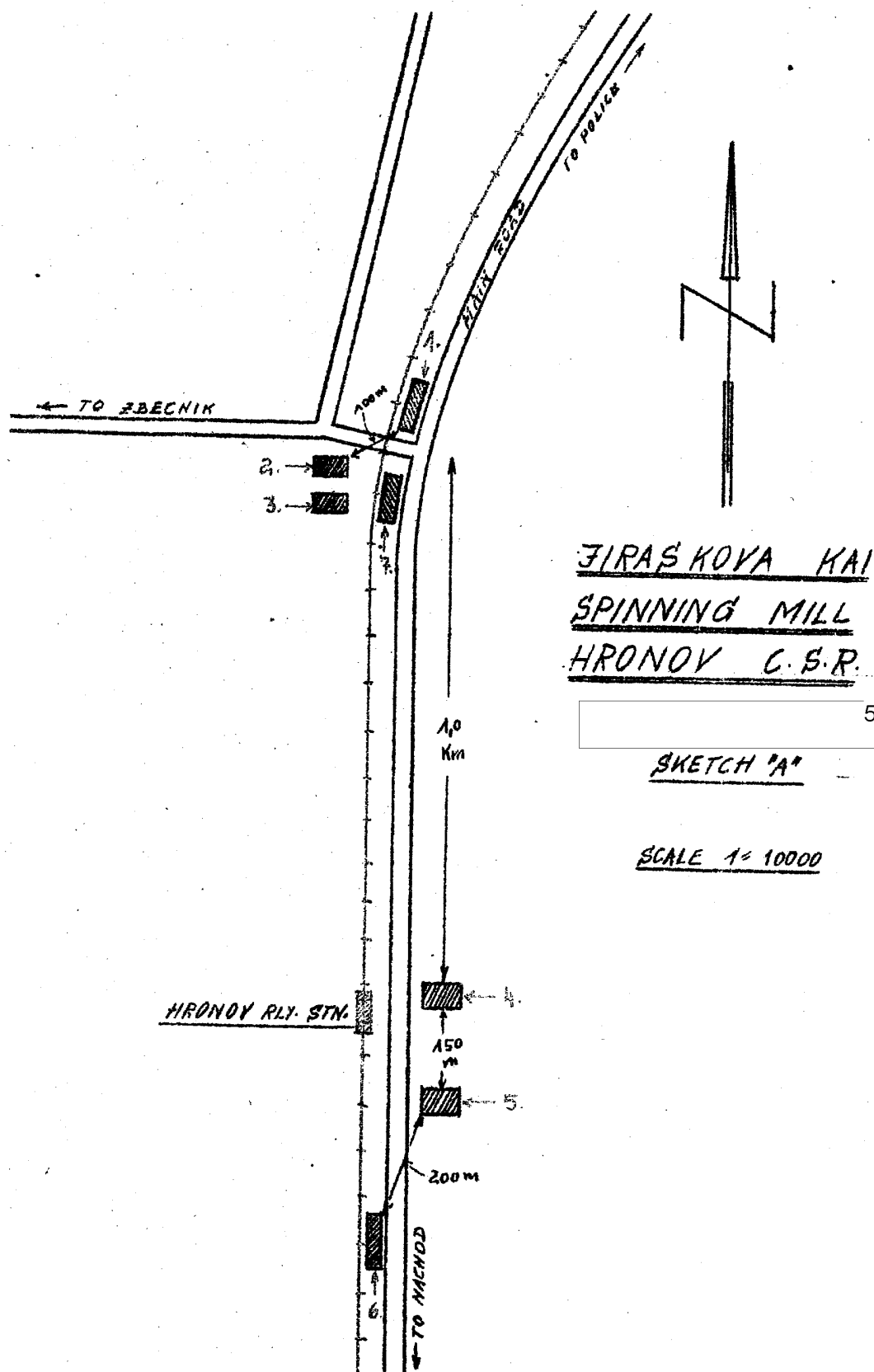
Key to Sketch B

1. Spinning mill and electricity plant, 120 x 100
2. Boiler house, fitter's shop, tinsmith's shop, and joiner's shop.
30 x 15 x 20
3. Single track railway siding
4. Several wooden sheds.

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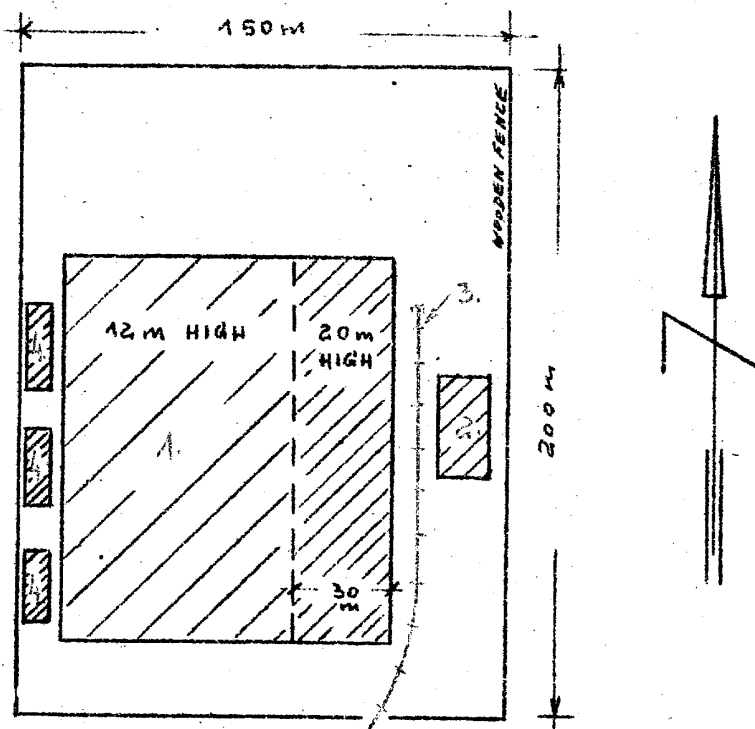
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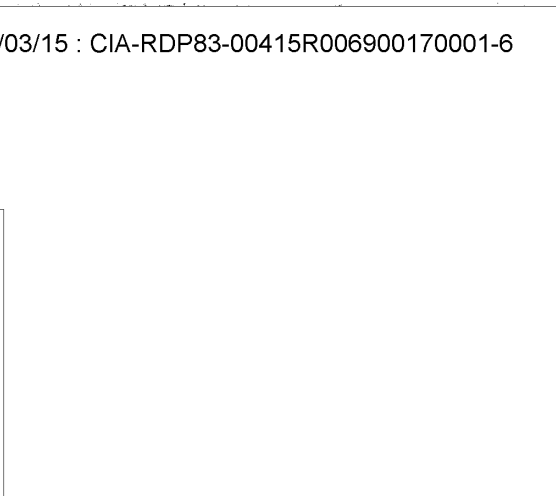
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JIRASKOVA KAI SPINNING MILL HRONOV C.S.R.SKETCH "B"SCALE 1:2000

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(a) METTA. Spinning Mill and Weaving Mill. POLICE. C.S.R.
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METTA. SPINNING MILL AND WEAVING MILL. POLICE. C.S.R.

TA/1(f)

1. DESIGNATION.

The name of the mill is METTA. Until 1945 the name was PETTIG.

2. LOCATION.

The mill is located on the western outskirts of POLICE, at the main road which runs out of POLICE in a westerly direction to ZDAR. See sketch A. Approx. grid reference for the mill: H 004 492, G.S.G.S. 4416, sheet S 10, Germany 1:100 000.

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3.

4. PRODUCTS.

The spinning department turns out cotton thread (ten various sizes). Since the middle of 1949 the thread has contained 40 % wool from wood fibre. The thread is partly delivered to the weaving department of the mill, partly it is packed in wooden cases and dispatched to weaving mills in the district (NACHOD, HRONOV, etc).

5. RAW MATERIALS.

raw cotton came the U.S.S.R. only. The staples of this cotton are too short.
Wool from wood fibre comes from Slovakia.

All raw materials are collected from the railway station.

6. ELECTRIC POWER.

The mill has no electricity plant of its own. Power is delivered by overhead cables.

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There is a transformer station

7. LABOUR.

The mill employs approx. 400 workers, approx. 40 of whom are Germans. 50 % are women. Six days a week are worked in 1 shift of 8 hours.

There are 30 office employees.

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8. GERMAN SPECIALISTS.

There are no German specialists employed, except 1 master spinner. Name not known.

9. WORKS DESCRIPTION.(a) HISTORY.

The mill was founded in 1912. There are no war damages. There are no extensions planned.

(b) INSTALLATIONS.

All the buildings are brick structures. The following numbers correspond to those of sketch B.

No. 1 Spinning department and boiler house, 100 x 40 x 5. The equipment of the spinning department is fairly old (1906, 1912), and of British and German makes.

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there were 2 breakers and approx. 60 ring spinning machines.

The boiler house contains 3 boilers and 1 steam engine.

No. 2 Chimney, 30 m high.

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No. 3 Dyeing department and office, 50 x 20 x 10.

No. 4 Stores and canteen, 120 x 7 x 5.

No. 5 Weaving department, 70 x 10 x 6-7.

during the war there had been an armament plant in this workshop. The machine tools that had been installed then, were taken to the U.S.S.R. after the war.

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No. 6 Living quarters (3 houses).

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11. DEFENCE.

The mill area is surrounded by a wooden fence. There is no works police.

12. WORKS DIRECTION.

The mill is state controlled.

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Key to Sketch B

1. Spinning department and boiler house, 100 x 40 x 5
2. Chimney, 30 m high
3. Dyeing department and office, 50 x 20 x 10
4. Stores and canteen, 120 x 7 x 5
5. Weaving department, 70 x 10 x 6-7
6. Living quarters (3 houses)

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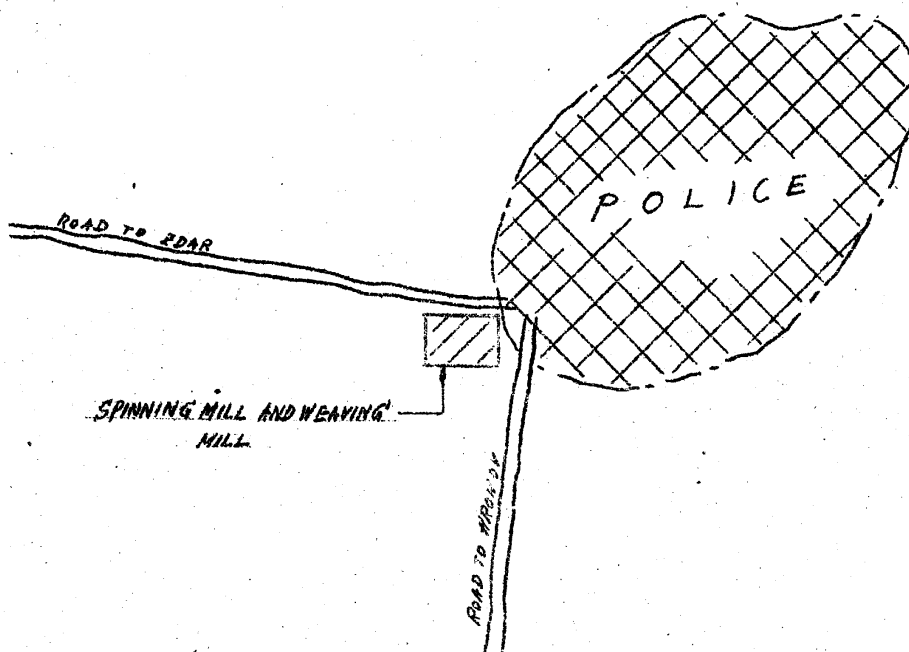
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METTA SPINNING MILL AND WEAVING MILL POLICE C.S.R.

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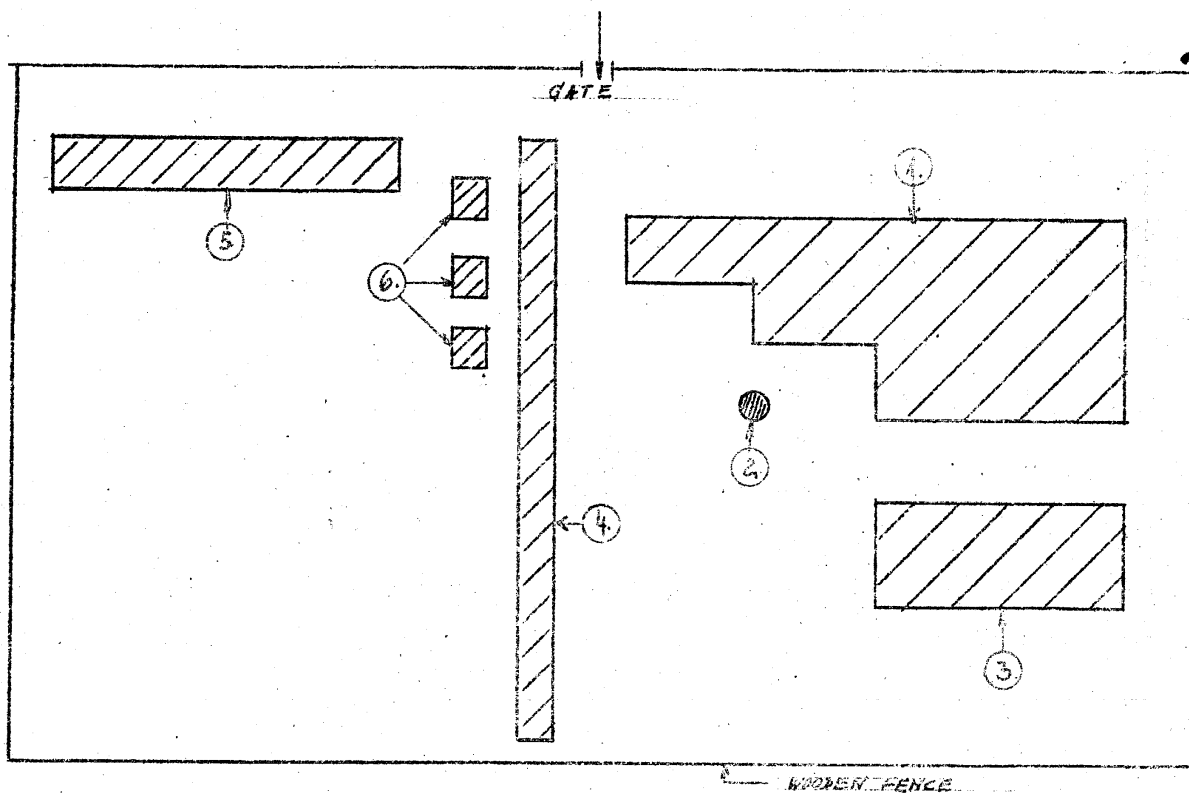
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METTA SPINNING AND WEAVING MILL POLICE C.S.R.

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C.P.S.L.(Czechoslovakian/Elbe Navigation Company)

1. This organisation is the State Controlled Inland Water Transport Agency operating from Czechoslovakia into the Russian Zones of Germany. It is separate from the C.P.S.O. and has no connection whatsoever with the P.Z.O. 50X1-HUM

2. The Company's floating stock underwent major repairs during May/August 1950 and the following ships are now in operation:-

700 tons - 700 H.P. - Screw-driven

LUDMILA
PIONIR
LIBUSE
VACLAV
SKODA

600 tons - 600 H.P. - Rear-paddle

OTOKAR
KAREL IV
KAREL IX

450 tons - 400 H.P. - Side-paddle

DUNAI
KOLA

Diesel Tugs - 800 H.P. - 1200 H.P. - rear paddle

MORAVA
OTAVA
HIVOLA

Steam Tugs - 800 H.P. - 1200 H.P. - side-paddle

PRAHA
MELNIK
KARVA
MOKONA

/Steam.....

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Steam Tugs - 700 H.P. - side-paddle

KOLIN
 PLZEN
 LOROSIDCE
 DECIN
 DUCHOV
 USTI
 KARLIN
 PODERBRABY

Steam Tugs - 300 H.P. - rear-paddle

SMICHOW
 TROJAN
 LIBEN

} Still being refitted in BZ and RZ.

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3. Because of the many defections, control over the Company's vessels has been tightened, all crew members have now been screened and authority is granted for only sufficient money for bare necessities to be drawn in BZ.

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4. The following harbours are utilised by the C.P.S.L. for cargo loading:-

PRAGUE	- general
NEENIK	- "
USTI	- "
KRALUP	- "
LOVOSICE	- "
DECIN	- "

5. Harbours used for repairs are:-

PRAGUE	- Repairs and Winter harbour.
USTI	- " " " "
DECIN (ROZBELESI)	- " " " "
PRAGUE (HOLESOVICE)	- Tug Repairs.
SEMOHOVICE	- Barge Repairs
USTI	- Barge Repairs
PRAGUE (ROZBELESI)	- Steamship repairs.
LAUBENBURG (BZ)	- Repairs to DIESEL ships.
HAMBURG (BZ)	- General overhauls.
IBIGAU-DRESDEN (RZ)	- " "

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A. Services - Military

Troop Locations

1. JACHYMOV (N.51/K.60):
 - 1 Field Artillery Regiment
 - 1 Infantry Battalion
 - 1 Service Corps Company.
2. JINDRICHUV HRAZOS (O.5G/R.28)
 - 1 Infantry Battalion
 - 1 Reserve Infantry Brigade HQ
3. VOTICE (49.45 N - 14.30 E)
 - 1 District HQ composed of Service Rationing and Transport troops.
 - 1 Infantry Battalion.
4. TABOR (47.30 N - 14.20 E)
 - District Military HQ
 - Infantry Brigade HQ.
 - Russian Military Advisory Mission HQ and supplementary training and liaison staff.
5. BUDEJOVICE (O.49/Q.96)
 - Infantry Regiment.
 - Field Artillery Regiment.
 - Czechoslovakian Air Force Unit (Light fighter).
6. TYN (O.50/Q.89)
 - Secret experimental military installation formerly utilised for the production of War gases.

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/B. General.....

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B. GENERAL INFORMATION7. BUDEJOVICE

The grain silos are filled to capacity (April 1950).
Surplus grain is being despatched by special train to
LEOPOLDOV and PELHRIMOV (0.50/M.41).

8. ZLIN (49.30 N - 17.40 E)

The Otrokovice Works producing ball bearings, have been
expanded and now include part of the Bata Works
formerly utilised for automobile tyre production.

The Bata Works still produce radar and radio equipment.
The nitro-fixation plant is now in working order having
been originally dismantled on the cessation of hostilities.

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